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OBSCENITY STATUTES

Are the statutes which make it a criminal offense to publish, sell or distribute the so-called "obscene" books or magazines contrary to the freedom of speech and press guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth amendments to the Federal Constitution?

The constitutional test used most frequently in recent years by the United States Supreme Court in judging obscenity has been "whether to the average person applying contemporary community standards, the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appeals to prurient interests."

The word "prurient" has been defined by the dictionary as "inclined to or characterized by lascivious thoughts."

General Statutes 14-189.1, enacted by the General Assembly of North Carolina in 1957, defines obscenity more fully and in

greater detail. It substantially follows the standard set by the United States Supreme Court in 1957.

Obscenity does not mean the same thing to all people, all the time, everywhere. As stated by Chief Justice Warren, "the line dividing the salacious or pornographic from literature or science is not straight and unwavering."

Although the Supreme Court has been careful to state that obscenity is not protected by the freedoms of speech and press guaranteed by the Constitution, it has within the past 15 years imposed tight limits on permissible for obscenity.

In a leading case decided in 1957, the Court said: "The portrayal of sex, e. g., in art, literature and scientific works, is not sufficient reason to deny material the constitutional protection of freedom of speech and press. It is a great and mysterious motive force in human life, has indisputably been a subject of absorbing interest to mankind throughout the ages, it is one of the vital problems of human interest and public concern. The freedom of speech and of press guaranteed by the Constitution embraces at the least the liberty to discuss publicly and truthfully all matters of public concern without previous restraint or fear of subsequent punishment."

Justice Stewart, in a concurring opinion filed in 1968 in the Ginsburg case, wrote: "The First Amendment guarantees liberty of human expression in order to preserve in our Nation what Mr. Justice Holmes called 'a free trade in ideas.' To that end, the Constitution protects more than just a man's freedom to say or write or publish what he wants. It secures as well for himself what he will read and to what he will listen. The Constitution guarantees, in short, a society of free choice. Such a society presupposes the capacity of its members to choose."

The United States Supreme Court, however, held in 1965 that it was no unconstitutional for a state to accord to minors a more restricted right than that assured to adults to judge and determine for themselves what sex material they may read and see.

Mrs. Bost At Conference

The Western Region of the North Carolina Teachers of Mathematics will hold its third annual spring conference at Appalachian State University in Boone, May 4-5. Over 300 mathematics educators from throughout the state are expected to attend. Sessions are planned for teachers from the elementary to the college level. Dr. Wade Ellis, noted mathematics educator from the University of Michigan will be the banquet speaker on Friday evening.

Among those attending the

Your Clothes Are Important

RALEIGH — Perhaps you've never thought about it before, but clothing plays an important role in our first impression of others. By the same token, if you meet someone briefly, you will be judged primarily on your appearance.

Therefore, you'll want clothing to speak well for you, believes Dorothy Barrier, extension clothing specialists, North Carolina State University.

When selecting garments, you may do well to remember that clothing performs seven roles, the specialists add.

For example, a pleasing appearance is especially important at certain stages in life. Feeling that a person looks attractive can give a feeling of self-confidence.

Clothes can permit a person to use her imagination in selecting harmonious colors, textures, line and accessories that display that person's degree of creativity. Self-expression or desire of creativity is the main reason for the increased number of home conferences from the Kings Mountain area will be Mrs. Brenda Bost.

sewers.

Clothes can be a means of establishing one's identity by expressing one's choice in the style of clothes. This is often referred to as "style" of dress. Clothes should satisfy a person's inner picture of himself. Color, fabric and style can be used to create the desired appearance.

Clothing is a means of helping a person be independent and to make such decisions as: What shall I buy? What are the styles of quality? What shall I make? What pattern, fabric and color should I choose?

Learning to dress himself is an early way to teach a child independence. He learns coordination; gains a sense of achievement.

Dressing like others gives a sense of belonging. This conformity is important in various stages of life as with elementary school children and teenagers. This feeling of group identity can influence how relaxed a child feels with other children.

Many persons view clothing as a status symbol, there is not so great a degree of "class" distinction made today, as in the past, because low priced fashion items, with a style and fabric similar to higher priced ones, are on almost every counter.

Meat-Stretching Secrets Given

RALEIGH — With shoppers' concern for meat prices these days, it's a good idea to stretch the meat you buy.

How to do it? One good way is to prepare the meat you buy at a low temperature so that it doesn't shrink, says Mrs. Ruby Uzzle, extension consumer marketing economist, North Carolina State University.

Meat does shrink somewhat as it cooks, but low temperature keeps the shrinkage to a minimum. If you use a meat thermometer, you won't overcook the good meat you buy. And you'll save meat flavor and keep it juicy at the same time.

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Conferences have been planned to deal with such problems as Youth and Drugs; Overcoming Racial Prejudices; Reality of Prayer; Sharing a Witness; Oper-

ation of the Holy Spirit; "Opportunity in Missions; Worship in Music; Honest Doubt; Interpersonal Communication; Understanding the Will of God; Christian View of Sexual Maturity; Today's Religious Movements; Christ in Athletics and the Whole Man.

Rev. Charles (Buddy) Freeman, campus minister, said that reservations should be made before May 18th by contacting Miss Ruth Kiser, Gardner-Webb college, Boiling Springs. The cost is \$5.50 per person for those spending the night and eating three meals. Commuters, who do not spend the night or eat a meal, will pay a registration fee of \$2.00.

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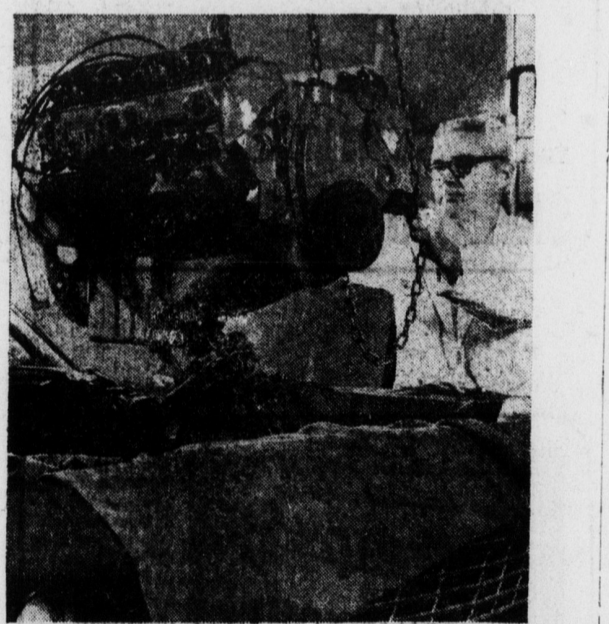
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